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SENATE BILL 192

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE TEACHING
CERTIFICATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-2-8.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986,
Chapter 33, Section 8, as amended by Laws 2001, Chapter 255,
Section 1 and by Laws 2001, Chapter 261, Section 1) is amended
to read:

"22-2-8.7. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. --

A. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
the state board shall require any person seeking certification
in elementary or secondary education to complete the following
minimum requirements in the college of arts and sciences:

- (1) twelve hours in English;
- (2) twelve hours in history, including

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1 American history and western civilization;

2 (3) six hours in mathematics;

3 (4) six hours in government, economics or
4 sociology;

5 (5) twelve hours in science, including
6 biology, chemistry, physics, geology, zoology and botany; and

7 (6) six hours in fine arts.

8 B. In addition to the requirements specified in
9 Subsections A and C of this section, the state board shall
10 require that a person seeking standard or alternative
11 elementary certification shall have completed six hours of
12 reading courses, and a person seeking standard or alternative
13 secondary certification shall have completed three hours of
14 reading courses in subject matter content. The state board
15 shall establish requirements that provide a reasonable period
16 of time to comply with the provisions of this section.

17 C. The state board shall require, prior to
18 certification, no less than fourteen weeks of student teaching,
19 a portion of which shall occur in the first thirty credit hours
20 taken in the college of education and shall be under the direct
21 supervision of a certified school instructor and a portion of
22 which shall occur in the student's senior year with the student
23 teacher being directly responsible for the classroom.

24 D. Nothing in this section shall preclude the state
25 board from establishing or accepting equivalent requirements

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1 for purposes of reciprocal certification or minimum
2 requirements for alternative certification. The state board
3 may waive the requirements of Subsections A and C of this
4 section if it determines that an applicant is otherwise
5 qualified by reason of the applicant's education or training.

6 E. The requirements in Subsections A and C of this
7 section shall apply to students first entering a college or
8 university beginning in the fall of 1986.

9 F. Vocational teacher preparatory programs may be
10 exempt from Subsections A through C of this section upon a
11 determination by the state board that other certification
12 requirements are more appropriate for vocational teacher
13 preparatory programs. "